

banana, pineapple, kiwi fruit, spinach and a second of the two or more types of fruit or vegetables is selected from the group consisting of melon, grape, apple and cranberry.

5. (Amended) A food additive according to claim 4 wherein the melon is selected from the group consisting of watermelon, rock melon, honeydew melon or champagne melon.

6. (Amended) A food additive according to claim 4 wherein the first of the two or more fruit and vegetables is a citrus fruit or carrot and the second of the two or more fruit or vegetables is selected from the group consisting of grape, apple and cranberry.

7. (Amended) A food additive according to claim 6 wherein the first of the two or more types of fruit or vegetables is selected from the group consisting of orange, carrot and grapefruit and the second of the two or more types of fruit or vegetables is selected from the group consisting of grape, apple and cranberry.

8. (Amended) A food additive according to claim 1 or 4 wherein a first of the two or more fruits or vegetables has a calcium content of between 4000 and 15000 ppm and a second of the two or more fruit or vegetables has a calcium content of between 200 and 1500 ppm.

9. (Amended) A food additive according to claim 1 or 4 wherein a first of the two or more fruits or vegetables has a soluble neutral non starch polysaccharide content of between 2 and 3 percent dry weight and a second of the two or more fruit or vegetables has a soluble neutral non starch polysaccharides content of between 1 and 2 percent dry weight.

10. (Amended) A food additive according to claim 1 or 4 wherein a first of the two or more fruits or vegetables has a total uronic acids content of between 20 and 40 percent dry weight and a second of the two or more fruit or vegetables has a total uronic acids content of between 5 and 20 percent dry weight.

11. (Amended) A food additive according to claim 1 or 4 wherein the first of the two or more fruits or vegetables has :

a calcium content of between 4000 and 15000 ppm;

a soluble neutral non starch polysaccharides content of between 2 and 3 percent dry weight; and

a total uronic acids content of between 20 and 40 percent dry weight

and the second of the two or more fruit or vegetables has :

a calcium content of between 200 and 1500 ppm;
a soluble neutral non starch polysaccharides content of between 1 and 2 percent dry weight; and
a total uronic acids content of between 5 and 20 percent dry weight.

12. (Amended) A food additive according to claim 11 wherein the first of the two or more fruit and vegetables is an orange, and the second of the two or more fruit or vegetables is selected from the group consisting of apple, grape and cranberry.

13. (Amended) A food additive according to claim 12 wherein the first of the two or more fruit and vegetables is an orange and the second of the two or more fruit or vegetables is an apple.

14. (Amended) A food additive according to claim 11 wherein the first of the two or more fruit and vegetables is a carrot, and the second of the two or more fruit or vegetables is selected from the group consisting of apple, grape and cranberry.

15. (Amended) A food additive according to claim 14 wherein the first of the two or more fruit and vegetables is a carrot, and the second of the two or more fruit or vegetables is a grape.

16. (Amended) A food additive according to claim 11 wherein the first of the two or more fruit and vegetables is a grapefruit, and the second of the two or more fruit or vegetables is selected from the group consisting of apple, grape and cranberry.

17. (Amended) A food additive according to claim 16 wherein the first of the two or more fruit and vegetables is a grapefruit, and the second of the two or more fruit or vegetables is a cranberry.

18. (Amended) A food product having the food additive of any one of claims 1 to 17, 41 or 42.

19. (Amended) A food product according to claim 18 wherein the food product contains between 1 and 50 % by weight of the food additive.

20. (Amended) A food product according to claim 19 wherein the food product contains between 1 and 30% by weight of the food additive.

21. A food product according to claim 20 wherein the food product is a breakfast cereal.

22. A food product according to claim 20 wherein the food product is a granola bar.

23. (Amended) A food product according to claim 20 wherein the food product is a soup that contains between 2 and 15% of the food additive.

24. (Amended) A food product according to claim 20 wherein the food product is a beverage that contains between 2 and 5 % of the food additive.

Please add the following new claims:

40. (new) A food additive according to claim 1 wherein greater than 90% of soluble solids are removed.

41. (new) A food additive according to claim 2 wherein from between 93 to 99% of soluble solids are removed.

REMARKS

After entering the instant amendment, claims 1-24 and 40-41 are pending in the present application, claims 25-39 having been cancelled pursuant to the Examiner's restriction requirement. Claims 1-17 have been amended such that the term "food supplement" has now been amended to the term "food additive". Applicants believe that this amendment now obviates the Examiner's need to divide original claims 1-24 into more than one invention. Given that the totality of claims is now directed to food additives and food products, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now fall into a single inventive class, which can be examined without the Examiner engaging in an unduly burdensome examination.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's requirement for restriction. Applicants respectfully submit that prosecution of the amended claims presented herein should not be further restricted.